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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, that required Applicant to identify a single gene or nucleic acid to be searched in order for the election to be fully responsive. In the communication of August 12, 2005, Applicant elected the invention of Group I with traverse. Claims 1, 11, 27, 34, 36 and 42-43 read on the elected subject matter.

Applicant hereby selects the gene yerQ with accession number BG12843.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response to the restriction requirement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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